GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TARGET FOR PRODUCTION OF FRUITS .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has fixed any target for the production of fruits in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) The investment likely to be made in this regard, State-wise; and

(d) The steps being taken by the Government to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The Government of India provided assistance to the State Governments/ UTs under comprehensive Macro Management Scheme for development of Agriculture including Horticulture, which included schemes on fruits, up to the year 2004-05. The scheme provided flexibility to the State Governments to take up programmes and fix targets as per their felt needs and requirements according to their Work Plans. After the launch of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) during financial years 2005-06, the programme for horticulture in Macro Management Scheme subsumed with National Horticulture Mission. The National Horticulture Mission addresses the issues related to production and productivity of horticultural crops including fruits and provide assistance for improving production on horticultural crops.

In the North East & Himalayan States of the country, the Technology Mission for Integrated Developed on Horticulture in North East (TMNE), provides assistance for

production of horticulture crops including fruits. The targets for production of fruits for Xth Five Year Plan in TMNE states is as under:
(lakhs MT)

NE States	-	28.60
J&K	-	10.00
HP	-	05.60
Uttaranchal	-	06.70
Total	-	50.90

(c):The statements of total assistance provided to different States under these schemes during 2002-03 to 2005-06 and allocation of funds during 2006-07 are given in Annexure I,II,III & IV.

(d): To achieve the target set for Xth Plan, the Annual Action Plan of the States/UTs are approved in time and the funds are released to the State Horticulture Missions to implement the programmes. The progress is regularly monitored by Nodal Officers nominated by the Government and also by Executive Committee of National Horticulture Mission.